

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,438,582) (hereinafter "Hoshino").

Claims 3-8, 11 and 12, while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

In light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have added the allowable features of claim 3 to independent claim 1. Also similar features as in claim 3 have been added to independent claim 9. Accordingly, claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, Applicants have rewritten claims 4, 7, 11 and 12 in independent form in light of the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 4-12 remain pending for consideration.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshino. The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 3-8, 11 and 12, while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected case claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have added the allowable features of claim 3 to independent claim 1. Also similar features as in claim 3